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In re Application of:) Art Unit:
Ikunoshia KATO et al)
Appln. No.: 09/937,375) Examiner:
Date Filed: September 24, 2001) Washington, D.C.
For: GENE THERAPEUTICS) Confirmation No.
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached version is captioned "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made".

3. (Amended) The composition according to claim 1, wherein the function of having an affinity for a virus is derived from a functional substance selected from the group consisting of anti-virus antibodies, heparin-II-binding